

# Deming Elks News

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View looking east at potential site for a new Deming Elks Lodge. See the Eddie the Elk column.

## ***Awaiting Approval***

We are still waiting for state approval to begin Bingo. Bingo will be held every Monday using the DAV facilities.

| B  | I  | N    | G  | O  |
|----|----|------|----|----|
| 3  | 18 | 44   | 58 | 61 |
| 7  | 26 | 33   | 47 |    |
| 15 | 29 | FREE | 66 | 68 |
| 8  | 16 | 32   | 51 |    |
| 12 | 22 | 40   | 55 | 75 |

**Coming soon!** **AT THE Elks**

## ***More Weekly Dinners***

Deming Elks will continue Dinners and Lunches during March with a varied menu. **Call 546-2799 for takeouts.**

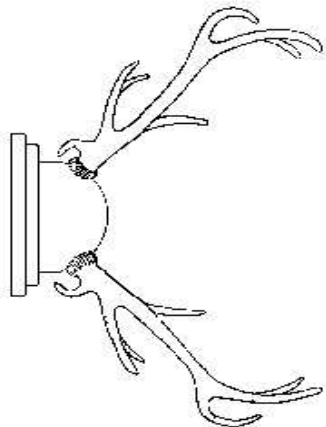
Saturday, March 6th a **Smothered Burrito Lunch**

Friday, March 12th all you can eat **Hamburger Fry**

Friday, March 19th a **Spaghetti Dinner**

Friday, March 26th a **Beef tri-tip Dinner**

Lunches from 12-2 pm; Dinners 5-7 pm. See calendar for details. Volunteer to host a meal. Contact the Lodge.



Address Correction Requested

**B.P.O. Elks #2799  
Officers & Committee Heads**

**Elected Lodge Officers**

EXALTED RULER- Chris Rossman PER  
LEADING KNIGHT- Headlee Burdette  
LOYAL KNIGHT- Fred Kent  
LECTURING KNIGHT- Ted Lauturner PER  
SECRETARY- Carl Olsen PER  
TREASURER- Stanley Reid  
TILER- Richard Wolf

**Appointed Lodge Officers**

ESQUIRE- James Metz, Jr.  
INNER GUARD- vacant  
CHAPLIN- Francis Chase  
ORGANIST- Barbara Schreiber

**Board of Trustees**

CHAIRMAN TRUSTEE 1 YR.- Frank Chiprich  
TRUSTEE 2 YR.- Arlo Mead  
TRUSTEE 3 YR.- Ollie Cooper  
TRUSTEE 4 YR.- Harriet Kirich PER  
TRUSTEE 5 YR.- Vern Schreiber

**Committee Chairmen**

AMERICANISM- Chris Rossman PER  
CEREBRAL PALSY- Harriet Kirich PER  
C & B TRUST- JoAnn Olsen  
NATIONAL FOUNDATION- Carl Olsen PER  
VETERANS SERVICE- Donna Bellovics  
LODGE ACTIVITIES- vacant  
YOUTH ACTIVITIES- vacant  
HOOP SHOOT- Chris Rossman  
SOCCER SHOOT- Carl Olsen PER  
PER ASSOCIATION- Ted Lauturner PER  
HISTORIAN- Richard Wolf  
DRUG AWARENESS- Ted Lauturner PER  
LODGE PUBLIC RELATIONS- Frank Chiprich  
RITUAL- Dave Cummings PER  
EDITOR/CYBER-ASSISTANT- Dave Johnson  
ADVERTISING- Dick Salesses  
BINGO MANAGER- Carl Olsen PER

**Lodge Meetings**

**1st & 3rd Thursdays**

**7:30 pm**

Instituted February 1, 1997

**Installation**

At publication time, the date and time for the installation of new lodge officers has not been confirmed. In the past several years, Deming and Silver City have had a joint ceremony. Last year the event was held in Deming. That means most likely it will be in Silver City this year. By-laws require that installation occur between March 15th and April 15th. Terms begin on April 1st. Ritual Coach Dave Cummings PER said he was excited with this year's slate of officers and potential ritual competition.

**Olsen Secretary**

PER Carl Olsen has been installed as secretary after the resignation of Pat Watson. The appointment to fill out Watson's term was made at the February 5th meeting. Watson underwent major surgery recently, and felt it was in the best interest of the lodge to resign at this time. Olsen is not unfamiliar with the position having served as secretary in the past.

**Happy Anniversary**



Cake and Ice Cream were served prior to the regular meeting on February 5th to usher in the seventh year for Deming Elks #2799. The Lodge was instituted on February 1st, 1997. Thanks to PER Harriet Kirich.



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## Knowing the Rules-Why?

From James L. Nicholson- GL Judiciary

"But we've always done it this way." "They don't know everything." "If it's not broke, don't fix it." And so on. These are excuses we have all heard when an action is questioned as to not being in compliance with the Laws of the Order. So why should we know and follow the rules? This is not meant to be a treatise on Rule of Law, or justice, or ethics and principals. In a brief word, we follow the Laws of the Order because we swore an Obligation to do so. That Obligation states that we will obey and comply - no exceptions.

The Laws of the Order are the Constitution, the Statutes and Ritual, GLS, Sec. 1.230. Each lodge's by-laws mirror these laws and merit equal obedience.

The rich history, wisdom and experience embodied in our Laws allow us to move forward, not in lockstep, but in common purpose. Our Order's Laws keep us solvent, responsive and geared to the performance of the benevolent programs we espouse. They assist us in maintaining order and a good community image, and ensure that this wonderful American Order we have been provided with by our forefathers, and which we now labor and serve, will continue.

The Laws of the Order are not a guide. They are to be fully implemented and followed by all of us as persons of honor - no exceptions. If you have always done it some other way, perhaps it is time to try it "the Elks Way." Who knows - it might help you do better!

## Winner

Door prize winner of a fondue pot on January 30th, Connie Smith.



## Elks National Retirement Home

From www.elks.org

Everyone is acquainted with the "fast-food" concept of getting DOUBLE the fries, cola and burger for just a few cents more. To get our money's worth, we call the phone number on the T.V. in the "next five minutes" for a second bottle of WIZZO free, corral neighbors to help us stock up on "Limit: 2-per-Customer" bargains, and even burn up a couple gallons hunting for two-cent-a-gallon cheaper gas. Hey, "penny-pinching" is nothing to be ashamed of, especially for folks who've worked hard all their life, and now aim to enjoy retirement on a fixed income. But WHERE are you going to live those GOLDEN YEARS?

First priority is making up a list of what you want in your future residence, and checking out each retirement village's options such as:

- COST • MAINTENANCE • RESIDENCE FEATURES • DINING/COOKING OPTIONS • YEAR-ROUND CLIMATE • RECREATIONAL FACILITIES • TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES • NEIGHBOR-COMPATIBILITY • PROXIMITY TO MAJOR CITY •

Once you have your "shopping list" in hand, rate each potential retirement community on a scale of 1-5, and tally up the points. Oh Boy, have you got lousy scores! WAIT A MINUTE! Something's missing?!? You don't have any information on the ELKS NATIONAL HOME. How can you do a decent comparison without including the BEST RETIREMENT BARGAIN IN THE WORLD? You say it's not your fault, you say you didn't know it was a modern retirement village reserved especially for Elks, you say you thought you'd have to leave your car or spouse behind? Give yourself a break! Get all the facts and the decision will make itself. Contact the Home Director, 931 Ashland Ave., Bedford, Virginia 24523 (phone: 800-552-4140; email: enhome@aol.com).



## From the Exalted Ruler

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With the election of new officers the lodge is ready for the upcoming year. Congratulations to everyone who ran as well as to those that have been elected. Regardless of the outcome, we are still one lodge and we need to work toward the common goals of Elkdom.

The dinners continue to be a success and thanks goes to everyone who has helped with them. I would like to extend a special thank-you to Pat Watson, who served as lodge secretary during the past year, despite her personal health. Everyone will be praying for her speedy recovery.

**Yours in Elkdom,  
Chris Rossman**

## Thank you

From Dave Johnson - Editor

Some great dinners and a lunch were served during February. Thanks to the officers for the Sirloin Steak Dinner on the 6th, a delicious brisket lunch was prepared by Sue Cooper and hosted by Stan Reid on the 14th for Valentine's Day, and a large boneless rib eye steak dinner was served on February 20th hosted by Past Exalted Rulers. Thanks to all who worked these meals.

The PERs will have another rib eye steak dinner on Friday, February 27th with serving from 5-7 pm at the lodge. Cost will be \$10 a plate.

Also thanks to Ollie Cooper, Dick

Salesses and others for the work on the entrance way. New paint, tile and wainscoting were recently installed. Thanks to several donations, new frames were also purchased to display photos of Lodge #2799 PERs.

## Secretary's Corner

From Carl Olsen PER - Secretary

We would like to welcome new members: Joseph LeDuc transfer from Kingman, AZ Lodge 468 and Perry Hogan reinstatement from Ruidoso, NM Lodge 2086.

Please send new phone number and change of address when renewing your dues. Also if available, email address.

I would like to take this time to announce the new officers for 2004 - 2005;

- Exalted Ruler: Fred Kent
  - Leading Knight : James Metz Jr.
  - Loyal Knight: Dave Johnson
  - Lecturing Knight: Wayne Krack
  - Secretary: Michael Hedrick
  - Treasurer: Susan Burdette
  - Tiler : James Metz Sr.
  - 5 Year Trustee: Frank Chiprich
- Wish them the BEST for their year.



*Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day*

## Deming Elks #2799

Submissions for *Deming Elks News* are welcome.

Email: [ElksNews@demingelks.org](mailto:ElksNews@demingelks.org).

Free Finger Foods on Fridays — Sandwiches now being served daily!



## Lodge Lounge Open

Monday-Friday 11 am-5 pm; Saturday 1-5 pm  
Closed Sunday

*We now have the fixings for Strawberry Daiquiris, Pina Coladas and Margaritas. Come in and try one out!*

# B.P.O. Elks #2799 Calendar of Events— Mar. 2004

**03/04/04 Lodge Meeting**  
Regular Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm, 311 E. Maple.

**03/06/04 Smothered Burrito Lunch**  
Smothered Burritos with beans, rice and dessert. Serving from 12-2 pm at the lodge. Cost is \$6. Members and Guests. Takeouts available. Hosted by Jim Metz.

**03/12/04 Hamburger Fry**  
All you can eat Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with potato salad and dessert. Serving from 5-7 pm at the Lodge. Cost is \$4.50. Members and Guests. Takeouts available. Hosted by Mike Hedrick and Dave Johnson.

**03/18/04 Lodge Meeting**  
Regular Lodge Meeting, 7:30 pm, 311 E. Maple.

**03/19/04 Spaghetti Dinner**  
Spaghetti Dinner with salad and garlic bread. Serving from 5-7 pm at the lodge. Cost is \$5. Members and Guests. Takeouts available. Hosted by PERs.

**03/26/04 Beef Tri-tip Dinner**  
A beef tri-tip roast is a boneless cut of meat from the bottom sirloin. It also is called "triangular" roast because of its shape. Serving from 5-7 pm at the lodge. Members and Guests. Takeouts available. Hosted by Fred Kent.



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed               | Thu           | Fri                 | Sat                     |
|-----|-----|-----|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
|     | 1   | 2   | 3                 | 4             | 5                   | 6                       |
|     |     |     |                   | Lodge Meeting |                     | Smothered Burrito Lunch |
| 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                | 11            | 12                  | 13                      |
|     |     |     |                   |               | Hamburger Fry       |                         |
| 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                | 18            | 19                  | 20                      |
|     |     |     | St. Patrick's Day | Lodge Meeting | Spaghetti Dinner    |                         |
| 21  | 22  | 23  | 24                | 25            | 26                  | 27                      |
|     |     |     |                   |               | Beef Tri-tip Dinner |                         |
| 28  | 29  | 30  | 31                |               |                     |                         |

**Free Birthday Drink**  
At the Lounge  
ID may be required!

3/14 Theodore Madsen  
3/22 Barbara Schow  
3/23 Frances Chase  
3/23 Terry Webb  
3/24 Richard Wyatt  
3/25 Frank Chiprich  
3/31 Wayne Ball

3/1 Richard Puckett  
3/8 Marvin Blankenship  
3/8 Donald Wall  
3/10 Fred Kent  
3/11 Mary Chiocca  
3/13 Edwin Mills



**Sickness & Distress:** This month the following members are suffering from various illnesses and injuries. Pat Watson, Richard Wolf and Fran Chase. Remember, Sickness & Distress is always in order. Contact the Lodge Secretary with additional names.

**Stray Elks:** The following Elks strayed from their home lodge and made a recent visit to Deming: 2/6 John & June Beolau, #2251 Tempe, AZ; 2/6 Joe L. Orr, #468 Kingman, AZ; 2/6 Don Onorato, #2353 N. Las Vegas, NV; 2/12 Chy Bert, #2554 Lexington, OH; 2/14 Micki & Andy Gally, #1430 Ventura, CA; 2/14 Carol & Loren Sorhuis, #1003 Virginia, MN; 2/14 Ray King, #402, Eau Claire, WI; 2/14 Carol & Clay Bixler, #2554 Shelby, OH; 2/14 Con Carlson, #2131 Willcox, AZ; 2/19 Dennis S. Kerr, #1813 Lordsburg, NM; 2/20 Marv & Carol Seebruch, #2201 Delavan, WI; 2/21 Al Daron, #309 Colorado Springs, CO.

## Eddie the Elk says..

Well, as the saying goes, "There is a God after all." He comes to our Lodge in the name of Brother Fred Kent and his wife Marleen. These great people donated 18.3 acres of their land here in Deming for the purpose of constructing our new Lodge. This information was presented to the entire Lodge at our meeting on Thursday the 19th of February, 2004. The announcement was graciously accepted by all in attendance and it has put new spark into the building committee.

One of our lady Elks said "will the women have input in the planning of our new Lodge?" All I could say is "you betcha!" Many other positive comments such as, "I can support this plan" and "We are going to have our own new Lodge!" One 74 year old member offered to help us build it. The enthusiasm was tremendous and I only wish that all of you could have been in attendance.

We will be changing our efforts from repairing and renovating an old building to planning and constructing a new facility that will best serve our members.

We will be forming a new building construction committee that will oversee the design and planning which will also include such things as RV parking, work out area, family entertainment center, and other suggestions presented by the membership.

When this news is published in our local newspaper along with the architectural renderings we will commence

a membership drive. Additional funding for such an endeavor will be based on three other sources: Plaque Donations, Monday Night Bingo, weekend dinners and increased bar patronage. Eventually we will have the RV parking revenues. With your financial support we will have our new Lodge and a 30 year mortgage.

(Editor's Note: The new property is located on the east side of Tapia Rd. (Cattle Sales Rd.) one mile south of the junction with the Old Las Cruces Highway.)

**Every Elk Can Make a Difference and Every Elk Should Try.**

**SIGNIFICANT OTHERS CARDS**

In accordance with Section 14.140 Grand Lodge Statutes Annotated, Identification cards for Elk's Spouses and other qualifying members of their families will be issued only upon written request by members in good standing. Accordingly, any member wishing such a card must complete this form:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Your Member No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

This information must be submitted to the Lodge Secretary, PO Box 112, Deming.

Cards will only be made from the completed form. No verbal requests will be accepted.